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#### FAIRFAX COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

# ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES AND 2005-2006 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

#### October 2005

In September 2001, the Community Criminal Justice Board approved three goals, with related objectives for implementation as the basis for the 2002 CCJB Action Plan. Activities on the objectives of the Action Plan were undertaken during 2002 as well as 2003.

In 2003, the Action Plan Goals subcommittees were transformed to reflect the current conditions in which the goals will be achieved in 2004.

The focus for each Goal in 2005 and 2006 continues to be what is doable as (1) An information item to the CCJB, (2) A task action to the CCJB, or (3) A policy recommendation to CCJB.

### Goal 1:

# <u>Identify improved approaches and the coordination efforts to address</u> the mentally ill in contact with the criminal justice system

Subcommittee on Mental Illness and Criminal Justice Chairmen: James A. Thur, Executive Director Community Services Board

# **Previous Accomplishments**

- Established a strong Subcommittee.
- CCJB took action on a recommendation to the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County to take a policy position to continue the Mental Illness and Criminal Justice Study by the General Assembly in 2002.

- Reported to the CCJB on criminal justice system training to direct the mentally ill to treatment.
- Collected information on community resources for mentally ill offenders living in the community.

### **2004 Accomplishments**

- Reviewed best practices models and programs for approaches and efforts to divert persons with mental illness who are unnecessarily incarcerated to treatment programs.
- Reassigned members of the Subcommittee to participate as part of the collective expertise needed to develop the Jail Diversion Initiative.
- Participated in the development of the concept for applying a national Jail Diversion best practices program to Fairfax.
- Participated in identifying the need for including an expansion of detoxification services in the Jail Diversion Initiative.
- Participated in developing proposals to implement the Jail Diversion Initiative in FY2006.
- Initiated a strategic planning process to identify current and future needs for adult psychiatric hospital beds in Northern Virginia.

### **2005-2006 Objectives**

Objective A: Identify any additional funding needed to enhance and sustain mental health services for the Jail Diversion Initiative funded by Fairfax County for FY2006.

Objective B: Monitor and report on the progress of the Jail Diversion Initiative efforts.

Objective C: Monitor and report on the availability of adult psychiatric hospital beds for Northern Virginia.

Objective D: Review the need for policy and legislative recommendations concerning persons with mental illness who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

### Goal 2:

# <u>Identify resources and efforts necessary to improve coordination of</u> community criminal justice services to the public

Subcommittee on Unmet Criminal Justice Needs and Resources Co – Chairmen: Lesley A. Bubenhofer, Chief, Probation and Parole Hon. Claude J. Beheler, Chief Magistrate

### **Previous Accomplishments**

- Established a strong Subcommittee.
- Worked with local, state and federal funding sources and the VCCJA to maintain funding for CCCA/PSA and JAIBG to the extent possible.
- Coordinated the joint efforts of the State Department of Corrections and local Fairfax partner agencies for the state to receive a Federal funding award for Serious and Violent Offender Re-Entry (VASAVOR) program involving Fairfax agencies as local partners.
- Used the VASAVOR reentry program to fill the gap created when inmates convicted of serious and violent crimes complete their sentences and return home to Fairfax.
- Coordinated with the Delancey Street Replication program as a possible reentry replacement program for VASAVOR after federal funding comes to an end.
- Received County funding support for a video update explaining to the public how the Fairfax criminal justice works for the citizen.
- Established a CCJB Agency internal contact to improve interagency coordination.
- Developed through the CJ-ITECH, a CCJB Criminal Justice Agencies Employee Orientation Pamphlet with improved coordination information on the purpose and role of each CCJB agency.
- Identified emerging technologies and information exchanges to significantly improve delivery of criminal justice services including CCJB establishment of a new Committee on Information Technology with expanded membership to include State Probation and Parole, and the Fairfax ASAP to address interrelated issues through a strategic plan and an annual IT Assessment for the CCJB.
- Reviewed the new GPS electronic monitoring technology to enhance offenders' community supervision.
- GPS technology is funded by the VASAVOR initiative.

### **2004 Accomplishments**

- Worked with local, state, federal and non-profit entities to maintain and expand funding for community corrections and juvenile justice.
- Completed the first year of the federally funded VASAVOR reentry program, providing resources to address the releasing inmate needs/risks for those who served their sentences for serious and violent crimes and are returning to the Fairfax community.
- Received funding from the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation for members of the Community Criminal Justice Board to visit the original Delancey Street program in San Francisco to learn whether it could be a possible reentry replacement after VASAVOR, when that federal funding is exhausted.
- The CCJB Planning Subcommittee provided the initial structure for the Working Group comprised of CCJB members, citizens and others to explore a Delancey Street Replication.
- O.A.R. of Fairfax received \$500,000 federal start-up funding to develop a Delancey Street program replication in Fairfax.
- Received additional funding from the County to translate the Fairfax criminal justice system video to other languages.
- Continued the successful CCJB agency internal contact list to strengthen interagency coordination.
- Establish a Community Criminal Justice Board web page on the Fairfax County Web site to improve public communication.
- The CCJB Criminal Justice Information Technology Committee shared agency information and resources and received a briefing by the Information Technology staff for the Virginia Supreme Court.

## **2005-2006 Objectives**

Objective A: Study ways to expand use of local, state, federal or private sector resources and efforts for key community criminal justice initiatives and programs.

Objective B: Identify and evaluate gaps in coordination for community criminal justice programs and define remedies to improve and strengthen coordination.

Objective C: Identify and implement emerging criminal justice coordination improvements and emerging technologies with the potential to significantly improve the delivery of services.

Objective D: Provide Community Criminal Justice Board coordination activity information to the public.

### Goal 3:

Update community corrections planning by identifying gaps and solutions for offenders transitioning from incarceration to living in the community.

Subcommittee on Community Corrections Chairman: Hon. Stan Barry, Sheriff

### **Previous Accomplishments**

- Established a strong Subcommittee.
- Implemented and completed a Community Corrections Facility Survey.
- Strongly supported the development, inter agency coordination and performance of the VASAVOR Initiative, providing public safety and reentry for serious and violent offenders who are returning to their Fairfax community.

# **2004 Accomplishments**

- Reviewed best practices models and programs for approaches and efforts to remove the mentally ill from local incarceration.
- Reassigned members of the Subcommittee to participate as part of the collective expertise needed to develop the Jail Diversion Initiative.
- Participated in the development of the concept for applying a national Jail Diversion best practices program to Fairfax.
- Participated in identifying the need for reopening the Fairfax County Detoxification Center to serve the identified population.
- Participated in developing proposals to implement the Jail Diversion Initiative and the Fairfax County Detoxification Center in FY2006.

# **2005-2006 Objectives**

Objective A: Identify approaches to enhance and sustain the Jail Diversion Initiative Funded by Fairfax County for FY 2006.

Objective B: Monitor and report on the progress of the Jail Diversion Initiative.

Objective C: review approaches to sustain a reentry type effort in Fairfax after federal funding is expended.

Objective D: Review the need for additional community corrections initiatives to address additional population diverted from incarceration.